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## ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM CAPITAL CITY

### HAPPENINGS IN AND AROUND THE STATE HOUSE.

#### Confederate Home Appropriation. Newberry Supervisors of Regis- tration—Other Matters.

Special to The Herald and News.

Columbia, March 12.—Routine affairs in the State house are resuming their normal trend, the legislature now having been away for nearly a week. The appropriation bill has been checked up, and the comptroller general has paid the salaries of State officials—the first they have received since the 23rd of December, which carried them up to the first of January. Other claims against the State are being paid, the appropriation bill having been certified, as to the vetoes, by the clerks of the house and the senate, and also, as required this year by the comptroller general, by the code commissioner.

This holding up of claims against the State—including the running expenses of all State institutions—in fact, every item which the appropriation bill carries—for a considerable while, emphasizes the necessity, which has been often stressed, of changing the fiscal year—making it run from April to April, or from July to July, or from some other month to the same month the following year, so that the legislature will appropriate for a year which begins after its session, instead of for a year which began before its session. As it is now, the legislature begins on the second Tuesday in January and stays in session for about two months, and make appropriations for the year which began more than a week before its session began.

#### Need of Cash Basis Also.

As has already been called attention to in The Herald and News, this session has also strongly emphasized the need of placing the State upon a cash basis, and the duty of the legislature to do so. It is poor business policy for a State whose legislature passes an appropriation bill carrying more than \$2,000,000, to have to borrow from \$300,000 to \$500,000 every year, and pay interest thereon, to meet current expenses until taxes are paid and received by the State treasurer.

#### Confederate Home Appropriation.

Since the adjournment of the general assembly, some of the newspapers have been devoting themselves to constructions of some of the acts of the legislature and to some of the vetoes of the governor. A Columbia newspaper on Wednesday morning heads an article, "No provision for salaries in law—commandant, matron and other officials at Confederate Soldiers' Home without pay." The governors veto of item 3 of the section providing for the Home is then called attention to, but only a part of the item as vetoed is quoted, and the fact that the entire appropriation for the Home, as contained in the next item of the bill, was not touched, is omitted. Such newspaper tactics, however, are too common to excite comment. The item for salaries was vetoed because of the restrictions thrown around the payment of the salaries, interfering with the management, such as requiring the commandant to live on the premises and be subject to the call of the board night and day; providing that physicians' services and all medical services should not be over \$50 per month, restrictions as to employees, including cooks, and other such restrictions. The next item in the bill carried the total appropriation for the Home of \$16,100 and this was not touched by the veto. As matter of fact, following the sustaining of the veto, Governor Blease received a set of resolutions from the inmates of the Home strongly commending him for his stand in their behalf, and the resolutions were accompanied by a dozen very pretty carnations.

#### State Hospital Commission.

The State hospital commission, which has had in charge the development of the new asylum property out at State Park, held a meeting here yesterday to wind up its affairs. No appropriation was made by the legislature at the past session to carry on the development, and the property will stand as it is for the present, the new

building having already been turned over to the board of regents of the State hospital, and now being used for the accommodation of patients. An appropriation was made by the legislature for the equipment of this building.

The Columbia Record says, in regard to the meeting of the State hospital commission:

"Equipment which today was placed in charge of the sinking commission included material valued at approximately \$3,000. In the lot were mules, wagons, wheel scraper, gasoline engine, hoists, derricks, concrete mixer, blacksmith tools and implements of this character. No monies were turned over, it is understood, as the entire fund, with the exception of an amount sufficient to pay off the commissioners, who receive \$5 for each meeting, has been expended. There is a balance, it will be small, according to Col. Aull.

"P. J. O. Smith, superintendent of construction at the State Park, also turned in his accounts. They were approved and he was formally relieved of his duties. He will return before the close of the week to his former home in Spartanburg.

"Col. Aull, in discussing the situation at the State Park, said:

"The future of this work rests with the next legislature. It would be a great mistake, in my judgment, to stop the work where it is. It would have been better if the legislature, after having started this work, had gone ahead with it. The commission had the organization and everything necessary, and I think an appropriation should have been provided each year by the legislature for the work.

"Although the commission wanted \$125,000, if the legislature had just have given \$100,000 each year, I believe all the necessary buildings could have been completed in six years. Already \$250,000 has been spent there. The land is valued at approximately \$80,000 and the main hospital building represents about \$82,000. Then there is the nurses' dormitory and the building for the superintendent of the farm and the laundry building. We have there also, a well equipped plant for generating electricity and carrying water, as well as disposing of sewage.

"There are already patients in the main hospital building at State Park. This will continue in use, the legislature having appropriated \$5,000 for equipment."

"Col Aull also stated that the legislature had appropriated \$4,913.11 to the commission to pay outstanding claims against it. This will probably be paid to those to whom it is owing Thursday, according to Col. Aull.

#### Newberry Supervisors Registration.

Governor Blease has reappointed the present board of supervisors of registration for Newberry county, composed of Messrs. Eugene Wheeler, Gregg C. Evans and E. Lee Hayes.

#### STATISTICS OF COTTON.

Washington, March 12.—Director William J. Harris, of the bureau of the census, department of commerce, announces a change in the method of publishing the statistics of cotton.

The annual reports on the quantity of cotton ginned have heretofore included the quantity of linters obtained by the oil mills. Formerly there was only a comparatively small quantity of linters obtained and they were of such a grade as could be used, to some extent, for the same purposes as were the lower grades of cotton. Many of the oil mills have now installed machinery for the closer delinting of the seed. This has resulted in a large increase in the total quantity of linters produced each year and, at the same time, in lowering the average quality of the fibre, so that now only a small part if any, is used as a substitute for lint cotton.

It, therefore, appears advisable not to include the quantity of linters in the total production of cotton for the crop and, accordingly, the totals in the report to be issued on March 20 will relate only to lint cotton and will not include linters. In formation as to the production of linters, however, will be given in a footnote so that comparative figures may be computed on the basis of the reports issued in previous years.

#### BOARD OF REGENTS MEET.

Session Adjourned Until Thursday Afternoon—Developments Looked For at That Time.

Special to The Herald and News.

Columbia, March 12.—The board of regents of the State Hospital for the Insane met this morning but only routine business was transacted at the morning session. The board will meet again this afternoon and it is currently reported that matters which were discussed in the recent legislative investigation will be taken up at that time. There has been no statement so far given out as to the resignation of Dr. Babcock or as to its acceptance by Governor Blease and it is not known whether or not Dr. Babcock has resigned or will resign or what will be done one way or the other in the matter.

#### FIRE IN JOHNSTON.

Flames Destroy \$15,000 Worth of Property—Four Stores and Other Buildings Destroyed.

The State.

Johnston, March 11.—Between 10 o'clock and midnight last night the business section of Johnston suffered from a conflagration which destroyed four mercantile establishments and their buildings, three large warehouses, the building of the Bank of Western Carolina—Johnston branch—and burned six box cars on the railroad siding here.

The total loss is estimated at \$15,000, partly covered by insurance.

The fire started in the rear of the restaurant operated in connection with the grocery store of Jesse Booth, presumably from a defective flue, and when discovered had spread over almost the entire rear half of the roof. Quickly it spread from that frame building to the adjoining property, and in a little while that entire section of the business portion of the town was in danger of being wiped out. Finally, between 11:30 and 12 o'clock the local fire department got the flames under control, after they had spread to the following surrounding properties:

Store building and one warehouse, owned by M. T. Turner, insured for \$1,500, which only partly covers the property. The store was occupied by T. S. Rhoden, as a meat market, who had no insurance, and on the adjoining side by Jesse Booth as a small grocery and restaurant. The latter carried \$100 insurance and his loss will be about \$150.

Building owned by the Ouzts estate, on which there was no insurance, occupied by the grocery store of J. Jacobs, who carried \$1,200 on his stock.

W. M. Moore, meat market, carried no insurance on his stock or fixtures. This building was insured for \$1,500. Building owned by F. L. Parker, insured for \$500, occupied by G. B. Asbell's store, the stock being insured for \$1,000.

Two warehouses, owned by J. L. Walker, on which \$500 insurance was carried.

The building of the Johnston branch of the Bank of Western Carolina, which was destroyed, was covered by insurance, it was stated, but it was impossible to ascertain the amount.

At times during the progress of the fire several other buildings caught, but the department was able to extinguish the flames before much damage had been done.

#### The Junior Division to Meet.

The Junior Division Missionary society of Central Methodist church will meet Saturday evening, March 14, at 8:30 o'clock with Miss Rebecca Wicker.

May Tarrant,  
Recording Secretary.

#### A Whiling Demonstrator.

Rosemary—I wonder how it feels to be back of a funny little mustache like yours.

Thorton—I can't tell you very well, but I will cheerfully show you how it feels to be in front of it.

#### CONVICT GREENWOOD ROGERS.

Jurors Find Negro Guilty of Killing George F. Young in Laurens County.

The State.

Laurens, March 10.—Greenwood Rogers, a negro, charged with the murder of George F. Young, was found guilty of murder tonight at 9 o'clock with recommendation to mercy. He will be sentenced tomorrow morning. The case went to the jury this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Mr. Young, a prominent Laurens county planter and owner of Stomp Springs, was killed January 12 at the springs and his home burned over his body.

The principal witness for the State, Tom Young, who made a confession and implicated Rogers and Junk Caldwell shortly after the tragedy, went on the stand and told practically the same story that he related to the officers. He swore that murder of Mr. Young was the result of a conspiracy between the three of them entered into the Saturday night before the killing on the following Monday night and that it was planned by Rogers. They went to the Young home about midnight. Mr. Young had not retired. They called him to the door. Mr. Young walked back towards the fireplace when Rogers pushed his gun forward and shot Mr. Young in the right side. Rogers then entered the room and struck Mr. Young with an axe, crushing his head. Mr. Young groaned several times but never spoke.

Rogers then secured what money he could find and then got some meat and other articles. After going out Rogers divided the money with the other two, carried the meat and other provisions to his house and then went back and set fire to the Young cottage.

Rogers denied all connection with the murder and said he was at home all night, going in just at nightfall. His mother swore to the same statement. She swore that she kept a light burning all night and did not go to bed herself until after midnight, as was her habit. Rogers denied that he had made threats against Mr. Young or that he carried a pistol for him.

Ten witnesses were put up by the State and about the same number by the defense.

It was stated tonight that Junk Caldwell, one of the three charged with the murder, has made a confession similar to that made by Tom Young. He will probably be placed on trial tomorrow.

#### Junk Caldwell is Also Declared Guilty.

The State.  
Laurens, March 11.—"Guilty, with recommendation to mercy," was the verdict returned tonight at 7 o'clock, in the case of the State against Junk Caldwell, a negro tried today as one of the principals in the murder last January of George F. Young, at Stomp Springs. A similar verdict was rendered last night against Greenwood Rogers, the alleged ringleader in the conspiracy that culminated in the killing of Mr. Young in his home January 12.

Tom Young, who confessed to the conspiracy and murder some weeks ago and implicated Rogers and Caldwell, was the main witness for the State again today, telling additional material points. He swore that Caldwell at the bidding of Rogers secured some broom straw after leaving the house and returned and kindled a fire under corner of the cottage to make sure that the building was fired and to make quick work of the job.

The witness swore that Rogers, after killing and robbing his victim, took a fire shovel and threw live coals over the room, on the bedding and clothing, thus starting the blaze within.

Witnesses were put on the stand to testify to an alleged confession made March 4, by the defendant, these witnesses including Deputy Sheriff Reid and J. Stobo Young, a son of the late George F. Young. They swore that the confession was made voluntarily and that Junk said when it was over that he "felt better."

When put on the stand by the defense the negro repudiated the statement, declaring that he made the

#### THE NEWS OF POMARIA.

Good Sermon—New Church—Marriage—School Entertainment—Town Election.

Special to The Herald and News.

Pomaria, March 12.—Rev. J. A. Linn preached a very fine sermon here Sunday. The Rev. Mr. Linn is a very able and pleasant speaker and is always given the best of attention. Choosing for his text Matthew 15:28, he gave a clear explanation of this passage and showed the lack of faith on the part of this age.

The first quarterly conference of the Broad River circuit was held in the new Methodist church here Monday, March 9. Good reports were heard from the stewards of each church.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Alewine spent the first part of the week at the home of Mr. Alewine's parents in Silverstreet.

Mrs. J. A. Sligh, of Columbia, is spending a while with her sister, Mrs. B. B. Richardson, who has been very ill. We hope to soon hear of her complete recovery.

Mrs. Corrie Lane is spending the week in Newberry.

Mrs. Sligh Wicker and Miss Jessie Rutherford spent the week-end with Mrs. W. S. Seydt.

Pomaria has six teachers, at least that number boarded the train here Saturday morning.

Dr. Pinner went to Columbia this week to see Mrs. J. S. J. Suber, who is confined in the Columbia hospital. Mr. Thomas P. Richardson has gone to see his father-in-law, Mr. James W. Wicker.

Dr. W. E. Pelham is registered at Setzler hotel for a few days.

Miss Olive Richardson was called home on account of the illness of her mother. Miss Richardson teaches near Whitmire.

Mrs. R. C. Ligon is in Columbia under the care of Dr. Whaley.

The writer visited St. Phillips Sunday and was glad to note the progress and moving spirit in the community. These folks are planning to build a large and up-to-date church. The lot has been given by Mr. Roof and Mr. C. H. Counts is going to give \$100 for every \$400 given by the congregation. This must appeal to those in charge.

Miss Cave Meyers, of Pomaria, and Mr. R. L. Free, of Fairfield county, were married on March 1 by the Rev. J. A. Linn. We wish for this young couple a bright and prosperous future.

"The Deestric School of 50 Years Ago" will be presented at Hunter-DeWalt school Friday night, March 13, by the Rural School Improvement association of Pomaria graded school.

Former Chief of Police T. B. Richardson has been appointed constable under Magistrate A. L. Aull.

Mr. Maxey Boland is the new chief of police in Pomaria.

The annual election of town officials held on March 3 resulted as follows: Intendant—J. T. Kinard.

Alderman Ward 1—Z. T. Pinner.  
Alderman Ward 2—J. P. Setzler.  
Alderman Ward 3—T. E. Hentz.  
Alderman Ward 4—Joe Boland.

confession under duress and did not understand the importance of it anyway. He, like Rogers, tried to prove an alibi but he was never able to account for his whereabouts between 11 o'clock on the night of the tragedy until after midnight when his brother said he came home and went to bed.

This negro is only 16 years of age and was dominated by Rogers according to most of the evidence. It is not certain that Tom Young will be tried tomorrow, but probably later.

#### DETERMINED ONSLAUGHT

BRINGS ELEPHANT DOWN

Huge Beast Killed Near Hartsville. One Hundred Shots Fired to Kill Animal.

The State.

Hartsville, March 11.—South Carolina's well established record for big game shooting was broken tonight when the biggest animal to be dispatched in this county in its history fell before the onslaught of a large party of well armed men. An exceedingly robust female elephant was the victim of the attack by citizens of the community armed with guns and

#### DECLARES HE'S CONFIDENT.

Leo. M. Frank Says He Expects a New Trial—To File New Motion.

Atlanta, Ga., March 10.—Leo M. Frank today declared he was more confident of obtaining a new trial than at any time since his conviction on the charge of having murdered Mary Phagan. An extraordinary motion for a new hearing of the case will be filed some time before April 17, the date recently set for the execution. It is expected about April 7.

Frank's renewed hopefulness is believed to be the result of remarkable activities by his counsel and agents in a concerted effort to unearth new evidence. These activities are more pronounced now than at any time since the young factory superintendent's arrest.

Interest in Frank's fight for life likewise appears more widespread than ever. This interest extends throughout the entire country, as shown by scores of letters received daily by counsel for the defense and prosecution from all parts of the United States.

#### Detective at Work.

A detective of national renown, conspicuous in unearthing the dynamite conspiracy cases at Los Angeles and Indianopolis, has been personally engaged to work on the case. According to general report the services of this man and his agents have been secured by two private citizens of Atlanta. Representatives of the detective have been in the city trying to unravel the mystery for several weeks, and he is expected to arrive this week.

Since renewed activities were begun in the case several affidavits have been made public by the friends of the defense and others evidence has been disclosed which will be embodied in the extraordinary motion for a new trial. While the State is said to be equally active, it is understood that little additional evidence will be made public until the motion has been filed by the defense.

#### Solicitor at Work.

The solicitor general has been in conference constantly during the past few days with city detectives who worked on the case previous to the trial.

Since the original motion for a new trial was denied, Frank has broken the silence he had hitherto maintained. He recently received a body of newspaper men, agreeing to answer any questions they might ask, and in addition has made several other statements for publication. From the first he has professed his innocence. Lately he has declared his conviction was the result of an insistent demand for a victim by a public determined to avenge the murder of the little factory girl.

Mrs. Frank, wife of the prisoner, also has made several statements, the last one being made public just after Charles Becker, the New York police lieutenant, was granted a new trial. In her latest statement Mrs. Frank declares her husband is entitled to the same privilege given Becker.

other weapons.

The hunt and execution occurred about eight miles from Hartsville near the residence of C. C. Winburn. The mammal was killed about 9 o'clock after more than 100 shots had been fired into her body. The most violent excitement followed the announcement that a member of jungle's royalty was at large in the neighborhood. Wild rumors spread telling of damage done by the big beast and as they traveled they grew like Topsy and the snowball. Investigation indicates that no damage resulted for any but the unfortunate animal.

News of the chase and death of the elephant was brought to Hartsville late tonight by residents of the town who had viewed the remains.

The elephant is supposed to have escaped from a circus during a train wreck. The animal was first seen near the tracks of the Seaboard Air Line railway. The pursuers and defenders of the country's safety have not learned the name of the beast nor is information of her history available at this time.